

GONG RINGS FOR COUNTY RACES

Entries in Biennial Political Handicap Champing at Bit in Eager Readiness.

BACKERS ALL CONFIDENT

Some Interest Afforded Rail-birds in Speculating on the Probable Winners.

The entries in the Hamilton county handicap which will be run on the county's political track next Thursday, are champing at their bits and eagerly awaiting the raising of the barrier by the official starter. Every entry, their jockeys and backers declare their mounts the best and promise to bring home the purse. If the weather proves congenial on that day, then the democrats claim they will have the best of the going, but in case it rains, they state they have a few old mud horses who can step on a muddy course in record time. The friends of Judge Will Cummings, candidate for county judge, are offering for the benefit of the crowd in the grand stand, to give Sam A. Conner, also a candidate for county judge, a handicap. The friends of the county assessor, Judge, are offering for the benefit of the crowd in the grand stand, to give Sam A. Conner, also a candidate for county judge, a handicap. The friends of the county assessor, Judge, are offering for the benefit of the crowd in the grand stand, to give Sam A. Conner, also a candidate for county judge, a handicap.

Register's Handicap
In the race for register, Willard Springfield, an oldtimer who has never come under the wire second in any race, is entered for the third time and against Tom Rogers, a youngster, who is in fine fettle and one who can go the gait or set the pace at a rapid clip. Mr. Springfield's friends claim he is as good as the day he ran his first race, and will be able to show his heels to the democratic yearling. The race for circuit clerk promises to be a lively one for youngsters, the entries being Mance Sherrill, from the Cliff stables, and Ansel Gadd, from the Hayes stables. They are both being groomed and trained for the race and each promises to land the money for his owner. The race for sheriff might prove a surprise, as Bob Bass, who has just graduated from the municipal stables, is opposed by Will Sears, an oldtimer, who has hitherto never been entered. They both claim they can step the wire in rapid time and will come under the wire a winner.

The races for the justices of the peace are too well known to be giving advanced dope on, and in each district every candidate is training with caution and care. It is understood that Squire H. H. Egar is setting an awful clip in the Second civil district and will cause some trouble among the other entries. Squires J. B. Ragon and W. M. Parks, in North Chattanooga W. H. Crowe is stated to be giving Walter Hampton and Ben Bush a rapid race, and his friends promise that some democrat will finish third in a field where purses are only offered for the winner and the runner up. No trouble is expected in the First district among the democrats unless Squire H. B. Caulkins shows some of his oldtime speed and form and in this instance it is a sure bet that whoever plays this entry will pull down a neat sum. Other races are of very little interest except in their immediate locality. Anyhow, here are the entries for next Thursday's handicap, take your choice and play your favorite.

W. S. Weatherford and John Twinn, the two republican candidates for justice of the peace for the First (city) district, are making a good race and many friends are backing them as winners. Both are high-class men and would reflect credit on the county should they be elected.

Judge J. B. Ragon's election seems a foregone conclusion. He is one of the county's most useful men and by his

ever-interest in the financial affairs of the county has won the name of watch dog of the treasury. The bet is that he will be returned to the court and resume his watchfulness over the strong box of the county.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT

(Vote for Five.)
N. L. Bachman,
Grafton Green,
Frank P. Hall,
D. Landen,
Colin P. McKinney.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

(Vote for Five.)
Rid Clark,
W. W. Faw,
W. A. Owen,
R. H. Sanson,
S. F. Wilson.

FOR CHANCELLOR THIRD CHANCERY DIVISION

(Vote for One.)
W. B. Garvin.

FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(Vote for One.)
Oscar Yarnell.

FOR CRIMINAL JUDGE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(Vote for One.)
S. D. McReynolds.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

(Vote for One.)
George W. Chamlee.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE

(Vote for One.)
Sam A. Conner,
Will Cummings.

FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK

(Vote for One.)
Charles E. Watson.

FOR COUNTY TRUSTEE

(Vote for One.)
Joe W. Clift.

FOR CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

(Vote for One.)
Ansel J. Gadd,
Mance Sherrill.

FOR CRIMINAL COURT CLERK

(Vote for One.)
Thomas O. Selman.

FOR SHERIFF

(Vote for One.)
R. F. Bass,
W. G. Sears,
Sam I. Whitman.

FOR COUNTY REGISTER

(Vote for One.)
Thomas J. Rogers,
Willard J. Springfield.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, FIRST CIVIL DISTRICT

(Vote for Three.)
Henry B. Caulkins,
W. M. Parks,
H. F. Lawrence,
John C. Twinn,
Frank M. Wells,
Fred M. Dearing.

FOR CONSTABLE, FIRST CIVIL DISTRICT

(Vote for Two.)
Charles A. Baker,
George W. Kirkin.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, CITY OF CHATTANOOGA

(Vote for One.)
J. J. Bork,
Jesse M. Owen,
W. S. Weatherford.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, SECOND CIVIL DISTRICT

(Vote for Two.)
Henry Egar,
Horace Humphreys,
W. M. Parks,
J. B. Ragon,
C. Z. Taylor.

FOR CONSTABLE, SECOND CIVIL DISTRICT

(Vote for One.)
Frank Hendrix,
Frank Massey,
Walter Sims.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, THIRD CIVIL DISTRICT

(Vote for Two.)
Ben Bush,
Will H. Crowe,
Walter Hampton,
W. P. Hays.

FOR CONSTABLE, THIRD CIVIL DISTRICT

(Vote for One.)
Frank Conner,
John T. Smith.

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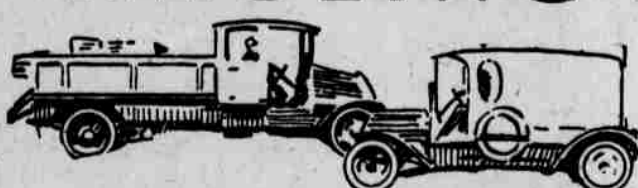
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PRO AND CON OF SENATORIAL CONTEST

An Unfilled Promise

(Nashville Banner, Supporting Shields)
Gov. Rye, in his opening speech made at Chattanooga, would seem that he has, with surprising industry in his case, put before a number of other Tennessee audiences, said that his sole issue in the senatorial campaign was to "free and untrammelled" the people of the state from the patent piece of cheap demagoguery, of course, so much so as to be farcical. Everyone knows that the governor could do the cause of the allies no good in a political campaign that would necessarily stir up strife and produce bad feeling, taking public attention from the war at the time when it had reached its crisis, for the sole purpose of serving a rather swollen personal ambition.

He was simply playing for popular favor with a catch phrase without regard to the absurdity of its application, and also used it in a vain attempt to excuse the violation of the president's expressed desire that politics be "adjourned."

He called himself a "war governor," and if he can in any way aid the country in the war he should stay in his office as the capital and attend to his duties there. The kind of cheap demagoguery in which he is dealing could not in the remotest way be construed as helping to win the war.

But the governor said in his Chattanooga speech in violation of his breath of faith in starting an entirely useless political campaign, that he would "make no unseemly canvass." The canvass in itself would be "unseemly" at this time, the governor has added unnecessarily to its unbecoming, not to say offensive, character.

He has charged disloyalty against a senator who since the sinking of the Lusitania, has favored war on Germany, who voted for the declaration of war when it was made, and who has supported every measure for the prosecution of the war that the president placed before congress, and who was selected to lead in one of the most important of these measures.

He has endeavored to put the stigma of treason with no shadow of evidence on a man whose genuine Americanism is above reproach and whom both the people and the president have trusted. In other words, he has resorted to downright slander in the hope of securing for himself an office he is incapable of filling and has done nothing to deserve.

He has attempted a mean insinuation that his opponent opposed the selective draft, which many genuine patriots did, when the facts are that he was one of two among twelve Tennesseans in the federal congress who originally favored it.

He has paid for and published advertisements attempting to reopen old scores that had ceased to fester and again disturbed the peace of the state with matter no way pertaining to any present issue or condition.

He has seized on the lies and slanders of an unprincipled newspaper concerning the Banner and its owner, and made it a part of his campaign material. If it were all true it would have no remote connection with his aspirations to be a senator, and he knows it to be merely the product of spite, envy and malice. He did this though he had never had from the Banner anything but courteous treatment.

He thereby started a matter with grave emphasis to a matter with grave emphasis. Tennessee public had been weary for many days, and from which it had been relieved. It is difficult to understand how the governor could have made his campaign more unseemly if he had deliberately planned to make it wholly scurrilous.

And still he said his only issue was "win the war."

H. CLAY EVANS RETIRES FROM ACTIVE BUSINESS

Car and Foundry Plant Sold to J. F. Lucey—Will Be Expanded.

The Chattanooga Car and Foundry company, which was established about forty years ago by H. Clay Evans, passed into the hands of Capt. J. F. Lucey, president of the Lucey Manufacturing corporation, on Friday. The plant is located at 401 Boyce street. It will be used for the manufacture of well drilling machinery and will be greatly improved. It is said that when the plant is started up under the new management it will be so expanded that it will give employment to something like 500 men.

Mr. Evans will retain his office in the plant for the purpose of winding up his affairs, after which he will retire from active business.

During the past two or three months the plant has been running only half time for the purpose of turning out a contract for roller heads for the Dixie Portland Cement company. The plant purchased by Mr. Lucey covers an area of eighteen acres and contains two foundries, a woodworking shop, a blacksmith shop and forges.

"NO CONVENIENCES IN FRANCE," SAYS STERCHI

Chattanooga Boy in France Complains of Antiquated Appliances and Buildings.

In a letter home, Sergt. R. T. Sterchi, a Chattanooga boy, complains of the antiquated appliances and buildings he finds in France.

Mr. Sterchi is echoing the wail of thousands of American tourists who visited Europe before 1914.

How often before has the word come back from wandering Americans, "What do you know, Reginald, no bath tubs, no checking of baggage, and no ice tea?"

The letter reads: "This is some country; I think it must be at least a hundred years behind time. I still grind their grain with wind mills and you very seldom see a wagon, except carts. Their houses are built in a block fashion, with no porches and right on the road."

"We have seen two air raids since we landed. It sure was pretty. We can hear the rumble from the front all night long and I saw one fight in the air."

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RUMOR OF PROBABLE ATTACK ON SALARY BILL

Some Prospective Candidates Said to Oppose Cutting Out Fee System.

There is a well founded rumor about the court house that certain county officials are preparing to attack the constitutionality of the law placing all county officials on salaries. However, it was stated Saturday by a county official who opposes the movement, that nothing would of course be done until certain county officials had landed themselves safe in office for another long term. The official talking said that he most assuredly would not be a party to the attack of the law, because he thought it a good one. He further stated he had held office under the fee system and now that the law had been changed he would hold it just as gladly and just as willingly as he did when it paid nearly three or four times as much. Other politicians stated that it would not only be the ruin of any office seeker to attack the law, but at this time, when all the country was fighting for world-wide democracy, it would most assuredly be decidedly unpatriotic.

"If the rumor is true" stated one official, "then I am for the barring of the official, be he democratic or republican." There seems to be a consensus of opinion that the new law is a good and economic one and will stand the test despite thirsty office holders who oppose it.

The creation of false and evanescent issues has been the outstanding achievement in the political career of John K. Shields.

No other man has ever played them more, and no man has ever played them better, up to the present time.

He has sought to get an endorsement from the democratic party of Tennessee upon the bewitching plea of a "servant at the post" when the written record shows that he was absent from the "post" 1,132 times out of a total of 2,970 rollcalls.

He has sought to get the endorsement of the people of Tennessee on the plea that "politics has adjourned" and that all men of reasonable observation and memory know that he has been playing politics since the beginning of his public career.

While he was yet the chief justice of the supreme court he went to the capital of the state and "played politics" until he played himself into the United States senate.

From the very hour that he was elected to the senate he has played politics with the view of getting re-elected.

He left his "post" and "pussyfooted" over Tennessee to defeat an untidily elected official, he stated when he was elected to the senate that he would be one senator and not endeavor to be two.

He left his "post" and played politics and encroached upon the admitted rights of a senator for governor in naming a committee chairman in the hope of increasing his political power.

His agents have "still hunted" Tennessee from one end to the other during the past six months under his direction, and, no doubt, under his promises and pay.

Letters by the hundreds and thousands have come from his office for months and months framed in the most appealing language and couched in diplomatic terms, all of a political nature and backed with a political motive.

His wires have been pulled, every trick has been worked and every scheme imaginable has been devised calculated to catch a vote.

In politics John K. Shields "lives and moves and has his being" in deception and hypocrisy when he steals himself away from Leader Martin and comes to Tennessee and, in subdued tones, with all of his political "leavening" around him, reviews himself and speaks with great diffidence and trepidation concerning that awful subject of politics, and with appalling hesitancy and modesty dares to mention his interest in the approaching election.

He seeks to delude the voter of Tennessee under the plea that this is "no time for a change" and that his services are "pleasing to the president" when he knows that the president has never hesitated to publicly endorse the candidacy of all those whose services were pleasing and that he has failed to yet endorse his candidacy, thus clearly indicating that the president really thinks that now is a splendid time for a change in Tennessee and that such change would be happily welcomed by him.

He seeks to make the people believe that he is behind the president from conviction, with all his heart and soul, when he knows that he has fought, the president on some of the most important and vital measures and speaks of him in private as an "unprincipled theorist."

Though he voted against the Panama canal tolls bill, for which the president asked his "ungrudging" support; though he voted against the bill which he had to strip the president of his constitutional war powers; though he held up the appointment of Louis Brandeis as supreme court justice of the United States for many days, and though he joined with Hitchcock in an open attempt to block the fuel order issued to prevent people from freezing to death—yet he loudly proclaims that he is heart and soul behind the president.

Will the democratic party of Tennessee allow such deception to be successful?

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CALLED FOR TUESDAY

Chairman Ed Watkins has issued a call for a meeting of the Hamilton county executive committee is hereby called at the courthouse next Tuesday, July 30, for the purpose of transacting any business that may be properly brought before it. E. Watkins, chairman; Phil Shugart, secretary.

NO MONEY AVAILABLE TO REPAIR SCHOOLHOUSES

Only about \$1,500 is available for repairs on school buildings, while fully \$10,000 is required, according to Phil Shugart, superintendent of playgrounds and buildings. Many of the schools now have roofs repaired and extensive interior improvements, including work on the heating arrangements. Carpenters are now changing doors to swing outward in compliance with the orders of Fire Commissioner Hudlow. Practically all the classrooms need walls retined, and this item alone would cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

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